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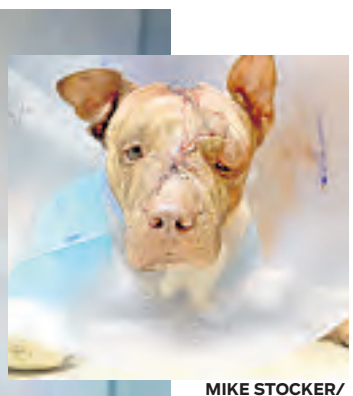

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Brendan Evans lives in a duplex on Lee Street in Hollywood, right, not far from the spot where Ollie was found on Oct. 10, whimpering from inside a suitcase. Evans faces charges of aggravated animal cruelty and remains in Broward County Jail.

Many saw nothing odd about man police say stabbed pit bull 50 times

By Susannah Bryan
Staff writer

HOLLYWOOD — He's a personal trainer whose stark Hollywood apartment was like something out of a horror film, with mutilated rats and cat paws in the freezer, oven walls smeared wth blood and blood-caked knives left in a dog bowl, under a TV stand and on a dresser, police say.

Brendan Evans, 31, an unmarried father of one son, claimed on Facebook to be a voodoo priest.

But Hollywood police say he is an animal killer who stabbed Ollie the pit bull more than 50 times and left him to die inside a suitcase — a brutal attack that sparked national outrage.

Evans faces charges of aggravated animal cruelty and remains in Broward County Jail. He is not eligible for pretrial release because he was on probation for a 2015 bank robbery north of Tampa. Police say he also burglarized a home in August, a second-degree felony.

Most of those who know Evans say he was quiet but there was nothing unusual about him.

"I'm stunned," said fitness coach Ali Witherspoon, who met Evans while training clients on Hollywood beach. "I was in complete shock when I realized it was the same guy I knew."

Neighbors say Evans pretty much kept to himself while living on Lee Street, not far from the spot Ollie was found on Oct. 10, whimpering from inside the suitcase. Vets expected Ollie to survive, but he died from his wounds two days later.

Evans moved into Apartment 3 of a modest duplex on Lee Street six months ago, records show. He is from Virginia, but it is unclear when he arrived in South Florida.

Naomi Barlatier lives in the duplex next door to Evans.

See ***EVANS, 10A***

Tax increase would boost teachers' pay

Palm Beach County voters may be asked to OK proposal

By Scott Travis
Staff writer

Palm Beach County voters in November may be asked to raise their property taxes so teachers could be paid more, in hopes of keeping them in the classroom.

Under the proposal being pushed by Schools Superintendent Robert Avossa, voters would pay about $25 more per $100,000 of assessed property on their tax bills.

It is seen as a way to cut high turnover. Avossa said the district loses about 10 percent of teachers a year, when a 3 to 5 percent turnover rate would be more acceptable. It's especially a problem among teachers in their first five years.

"We spend all this money developing them, and then they go to to sell textbooks and double their salaries," he said.

The plan, which is being discussed by a committee of district and teacher union officials, would provide about $50 million a year to boost teacher salaries. District officials say they don't yet know how much more money teachers at different experience levels might receive.

It would mark the third time in a decade the school district has asked county

See ***TAX, 8A***

Bahia Mar's future set for vote today

By Brittany Wallman
Staff writer

FORT LAUDERDALE — A plan to build a new residential high-rise enclave, hotel and boating center on public land at Fort Lauderdale beach reaches decision day today.

City commissioners will decide whether to allow the remake of the Bahia Mar property with eight high-rises and six shorter buildings, plus a vast underground parking structure. Commissioners will hold a separate vote today on whether to allow the proposed "major alterations" to the developer's lease with the city.

The project has been a lightning rod for controversy for several years. Critics say the land wasn't intended as a residential tower site and should maintain its character as primarily a marina resort.

"They're rolling over on this," said Marilyn Mammano, a retired professional planner and head of

See ***BAHIA MAR, 10A***

Delray woman reflects on relationship with Roy Moore

By Stephanie McCrummen
The Washington Post

DELRAY BEACH — Debbie Wesson Gibson, of Delray Beach, was in her attic hauling out boxes of Christmas decorations last week when she noticed a storage bin she said she had forgotten about. Inside was a scrapbook from her senior year of high school, and taped to a page titled "Those Who Inspire" was a graduation card.

"Happy graduation Debbie," it read in slanted cursive handwriting. "I wanted to give you this card myself. I know that you'll be a success in anything you do. Roy."

See ***GIBSON, 10A***

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The Upper Gulch section of Escalante Canyons within Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

YOUR NATION, YOUR WORLD

Travel ban can take effect

The Supreme Court ruled Trump may put his full travel ban into effect while legal appeals are being weighed in lower courts. **2A**

Trump downsizes national monuments in Utah

The size of Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears will be dramatically reduced. **2A**

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